The sobriety of the Filipinos is also given as a conspicuous characteristic. It is undeniable that they are abstemious in the matter of liquors. Either they drink not at all or in moderation and then do not indulge in the strong liquors used by foreigners. While this is the general impression on this point and admittedly it is true, my judicial experience has brought to my notice cases in which the underlying cause of a tragedy was the immoderate use of native intoxicants. A laborer in the provinces goes to a *tienda* (a small store) and begins to drink *tuba* (palm liquor). It makes him crazy drunk, and without knowing what he is doing he engages in a bolo fight with disastrous results. When, therefore, we say that the Filipinos are not given to alcoholism, we state the truth with the proviso that drunkenness does occur in occasional instances.

The ready hospitality of the Filipino has been much commented upon; he is most considerate of all, including strangers. Everything the Filipino host possesses is at the guest's disposal. However, the guest is not expected to take the kindly proffer of a costly gift literally as some Americans have done, for the proffer is generally intended as a gesture of good will and no more. The hostess to show her appreciation of her guests is likely to serve a banquet with many meat courses (meat being somewhat of a luxury), and if the guest is not accustomed to Spanish or Filipino cookery, with garlic used lavishly, the result is sometimes dangerous to digestion,

The Filipinos respect authority. Presumably this is due to their experience first with their native chiefs,

next with Spanish officials, and finally with the American Government.

Whatever the cause, it has meant respect for law and general peace in the Philippines. In certain regions, notably near Manila, the peasants are losing this virtue and disorder bordering on insurrection has been known.

One could run on indefinitely enumerating the desirable qualities of the Filipinos. I must not neglect to mention the